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The 9/11 Memorial Museum is preparing to open its doors this May. / COURTESY OF 9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM

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Today's tweet

"Real Housewives of NYC is a fun reminder that extravagant homes in New York consist of like a full kitchen and two bedrooms."

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Top 3

Trending online at Metro.us

1 'VIDEO: Giraffe gives farewell kiss to dying zookeeper'

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3 'VIDEO: Dogs are adorably confused by magic trick'



The 9/11 Memorial Museum is getting ready for its premiere.

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9/11 Memorial Museum will open doors in May

Solemn. The museum acts as a historical exhibit and will be a final resting place for unidentified victims' remains.

First responders and families of those who perished in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, will be among the first to see the 9/11 Memorial Museum when it opens, officials announced Monday.

The museum will open to the public on May 21 after a ceremony and six-day dedication period. During that time, May 15 to 20, the museum will remain open around the clock for

Final resting place

The city will move roughly 8,000 unidentified remains of 9/11 victims from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to the museum.

- The will be kept behind a wall inscribed with "No day shall erase you from

the memory of time," a Virgil quote translated from "The Aeneid."

- Only medical examiners and victims' relatives will be able to access the remains repository. DNA identifications will

continue to be conducted in the repository, which will also have a visiting room for families.

- Families and first responders registered with the memorial don't have to pay admission.

Honor

"It will be a tremendous privilege to walk the completed 9/11 Memorial Museum for the first time with those who are a part of this defining period of our nation's history."

Joe Daniels
9/11 Memorial Museum president

survivors, rescue and recovery workers, victims' family members and lower Manhattan residents.

Reservations are required for the preview.

Divided into two main exhibitions, the museum will feature artifacts and stories tied to the 2001 and 1993 attacks on the World Trade Center, as well as explore the aftermath of a national tragedy.

The first exhibition,

"In Memoriam," is a tribute to the 2,983 people killed on 9/11 and six who died in the 1993 truck bombing at the World Trade Center.

Spanning several floors at the center's bedrock foundations, a three-part historical exhibition will explore the day of the attacks, what led up to the terrorist strikes and the aftermath of a national tragedy.

The museum does

more than facilitate learning about the attacks, director Alice Greenwald said in a statement.

"As much about 9/12 as it is about 9/11, the museum provides a case study in how ordinary people acted in extraordinary circumstances, their acts of kindness, compassion and generosity of spirit, demonstrating the profoundly constructive effect we can have on each other's lives by the choices we make, even in the face of unspeakable destruction," Greenwald said.

Most visitors will be charged \$24 when the museum opens. Tickets will be available starting on Wednesday.

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Harlem park

Mother charged after baby is found abandoned

The mother of an abandoned baby boy was arrested Monday after the infant was found inside a stroller in a Harlem park on Sunday night.

Police said Kenyetta Rowell, 18, of Staten Island was charged with

reckless endangerment, failure to exercise control over a minor and filing a false report.

Her baby, about 6 months old, was found in a stroller by a Good Samaritan in Renaissance Playground on West 143rd Street about 9 p.m., police said.

The child was uninjured, clothed and bundled up in blankets, police said. **ANNA SANDERS**

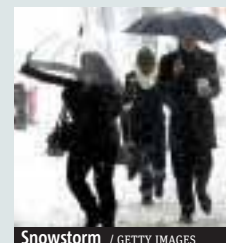
Winter's last fling

City braces for snowstorm

Spring has sprung — but someone ought to tell Jack Frost.

After a few days of relatively warm spring weather, cold temperatures Monday will continue into Tuesday with a chance of snow.

Between two and three inches of snow are expected Tuesday as



Snowstorm / GETTY IMAGES

a coastal storm moves north, according to the National Weather

Service. Forecasts suggest the storm will develop farther south than previously expected.

"It's going to have much less of an impact on the city," weather service meteorologist Brian Ciemnecki said.

After a chance of scattered showers in the afternoon, the snow is expected to become heavier in the evening, tapering off early Wednesday.



The new signs were installed months ahead of a Sept. 1 deadline. / COURTESY OF MTA

Metro-North completes speed control installations

Safety. The changes were made to make sure that trains slow through critical junctures along the tracks.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority said on Monday that it completed work to make sure Metro-North trains slow down as they pass through five critical curves and five moveable bridges.

The change to the signal system were required by the Federal Railroad Administration in early December in response to the tragic Dec. 1 derailment in the Bronx that resulted in four deaths.

MTA's update comes several months ahead of the federal agency's Sept. 1 deadline.

Modifications to the signal system will now signal the conductors when to slow down as the trains approach any of the 10 locations.

A train would come to a stop if the driver doesn't respond to the warnings.

Metro-North President Joseph Giulietti said that the changes brings the MTA "another step closer to a safer railroad, which is our number one goal."

"We will continue to take all necessary steps to restore Metro-North to greatness," he added.

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Locations

The 10 locations include the curves near the Spuyten Duyvil station, the site of last year's derailment, as well as those at Yonkers, White Plains, Bridgeport and Port Chester stations.

- Speed controls were also installed at the five moveable bridges on the New Haven Line at Cos Cob, South Norwalk, Westport, Milford and Devon.

Not funny

Creepy clown spooking Staten Islanders

A clown creeping through Staten Island streets is leaving some residents more terrified than tickled.

The Staten Island Advance reported on Monday that the Internet has been rumbling with



The clown
REALVINCENTE, INSTAGRAM

fear while people snap pictures of the man the paper has tagged as the #SIclown.

The unidentified jokester has been spotted near train stations in the borough over the last two weeks. Always in his yellow jumpsuit, red wig and pair of balloons, the clown waves or points at passers-by from afar — more akin to Stephen

King's Pennywise than to Sunday morning's Bozo.

Police said Monday that they have yet to receive any complaints about the clown, but word is getting out among Staten Islanders.

@Alissacompz tweeted that if she saw the clown she would die of a heart attack or go "to jail for attacking it."

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Election. Cuomo holds wide lead over Astorino in new poll

Gov. Andrew Cuomo holds a commanding lead over Republican candidate Rob Astorino even as the governor's approval rating slipped over the last month, according to a Siena College poll.

According to the survey results released Monday morning, Cuomo leads the Westchester County executive 61 percent to 26 percent.

Sixty-four percent of voters said Cuomo has been effective, but his favorability rating dropped slightly from 60 percent last month to 58 percent this month.

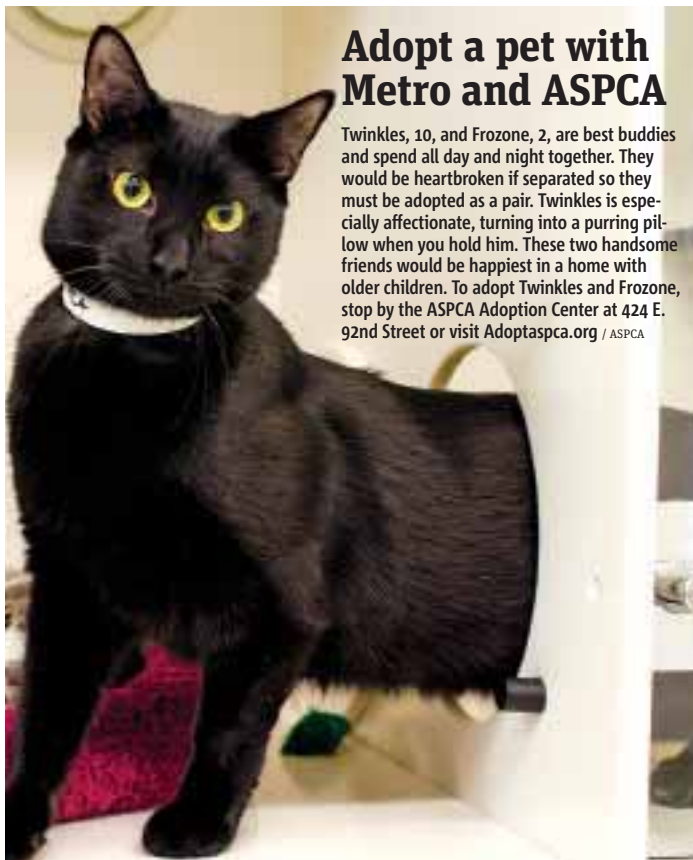
"This Siena College poll provides both good news and bad news for both Cuomo and Astorino. For the governor, the good news is that he maintains a strong 35-point lead over his likely challenger, he continues to have a strong favorability rating

Numbers

- Cuomo's job approval rating fell from 48 percent last month to 46 percent this month.
- Astorino is the only declared Republican candidate for governor. The poll found that 65 percent of voters do not know enough about him to have an opinion of him.

and almost two-thirds of voters think he's been an effective governor," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

"The bad news for him is that his job performance rating is the lowest it's been since November, and for the first time only a plurality — not a majority — of voters are prepared to re-elect him." **LAURA SHIN**



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In Queens

Police find body inside garbage bag

Cops found a man's remains inside a garbage bag near a Queens beach boardwalk on Monday.

Officers said they responded to Beach 40th Street between Edgemere Avenue and the boardwalk to a call from a Queens woman about her missing adult son.

The woman had tracked down the son's cell phone, police said, which she found in a separate bag along with some personal possessions.

NYPD found the second bag containing the body nearby when they responded to the 911 call at around 9:50 a.m. Inside they found the body of a man thought to be around 30 years old.

The man's name has not been released.
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High. Legislator introduces bill to legalize marijuana in New Jersey

A New Jersey legislator introduced a bill on Monday that would legalize marijuana in the state.

State Sen. Nicholas Scutari said he hopes New Jersey will become the third state to legalize marijuana. He held a news conference at the Statehouse in Trenton on Monday afternoon to introduce his plan for legal marijuana.

Scutari, who sponsored the state's successful medicinal marijuana law, had announced in January that he planned to introduce a bill that would aim to make New Jersey the third state, after Washington and Colorado, to legalize pot. Colorado reportedly netted \$2 million in revenue from legal marijuana in January, the first month the drug's sales were permitted at retail stores there.

Scutari, a municipal prosecutor, says revenue is just one reason to



New Jersey would be the third state to legalize pot. / GETTY IMAGES

Uphill climb

"We're not delusional about how simple the effort would be." Nicholas Scutari

support legalization. He said that the bill was partly modeled after the Colorado legislation.

"We're not delusional about how simple the effort would be," Scutari

told NJ.com. "But I think from a standpoint of moving this state and this country forward on its archaic drug laws, I think it's a step in the right direction." **SEAN MCCULLIN**

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Malaysia: Jet crashed in sea; China wants proof



A family member of a passenger from the missing flight MH370 reacts to news at Lido Hotel in Beijing, China. / GETTY IMAGES

No survivors. All people aboard Flight MH370 are presumed dead, airline officials said.

Malaysia said on Monday that a missing jetliner had crashed into the Indian Ocean, an announcement that was greeted with hysteria by Chinese relatives of those on board and a demand by China that Kuala Lumpur share all the evidence it had on the incident.

Citing groundbreaking satellite-data analysis by the British company Inmarsat, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said that Flight MH370 crashed thou-

sands of miles away in the southern Indian Ocean.

His statement may go some way toward tamping down some of the more fevered speculation about the plane's fate, including one theory some grief-stricken relatives had seized on: that the plane had been hijacked and forced to land somewhere.

Najib's announcement opens the way for what could be one of the most costly and challenging air crash investigations in history.

The launch of an official air crash investigation would give Malaysia power to coordinate and sift evidence, but it may still face critics, especially in China.

REUTERS

Days

30

Finding the so-called black boxes soon is crucial because the locator beacons they carry fade out after 30 days.

Chinese citizens

150

China had more than 150 citizens on board the missing plane and has criticized Malaysia over the progress of the search.

Bridge scandal

Internal review clears Gov. Chris Christie

A review commissioned by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie into a traffic scandal apparently orchestrated by top staffers in his administration has found the possible Republican presidential contender

had nothing to do with the scheme, the New York Times reported Monday.

After two months, 70 interviews and more than \$1 million in legal fees paid by New Jersey taxpayers, the review is complete and has found no evidence Christie was involved with planning or directing the lane closures. **REUTERS**

Washington

Hundreds still missing after mudslide

As many as 108 people were listed as missing two days after a mudslide hit dozens of homes and killed at least eight people in Washington state, but many individuals still unaccounted for are ultimately expected

to turn up safe, authorities said on Monday.

Still, emergency management officials expressed doubt that anyone else would be plucked alive from the muck and debris, and concern lingered about flooding from water backing up behind a crude dam of mud and rubble dumped into a river by the slide. **REUTERS**

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GM sued over a fatal crash tied to defect

Oversight. The recall has prompted investigations by federal prosecutors and regulators.

General Motors Co. has been hit with what is believed to be the first wrongful death lawsuit over ignition switch problems since it recalled 1.6 million vehicles in February.

The lawsuit was filed on Friday in Minnesota state court on behalf of three teenage girls who were severely injured or killed in a 2006 crash involving a 2005 Chevy Cobalt, one of the models recalled over ignition problems.

GM announced the recall in February, despite learning of problems with the ignition switch in 2001 and issuing related service bulletins to dealers with suggested remedies in 2005.

The lawsuit accuses GM of knowing about the defect for a decade but failing to take steps to fix the vehicles or get them off the roads.

A spokesman for GM, Jim Cain, said the company would respond to the lawsuit in due course. "Right now, our biggest focus is on getting these vehicles recalled as quickly as we can with as little inconvenience to customers as possible."

According to the lawsuit, the Chevy Cobalt's ignition switch suddenly turned from the "run" to "accessory" position, causing the steering, breaking and airbag systems to lose power.

The car's driver, 19-year-old Megan Phillips, lost control of the car, which careened off the road and struck a telephone junction box and two trees, the lawsuit said.

The crash killed Amy Rademaker, 15, and Natasha Weigel, 18, and caused Phillips to sustain severe injuries to her brain and body, according to the lawsuit. **REUTERS**

Deaths

12

GM has said it received reports of 12 deaths and 34 crashes in the recalled cars.



Marathon bombing response a world model

Boston's handling of the bombing attack on its marathon in April has become a model for cities around the world on how to respond to tragedy, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick said on Monday, as the city made its final preparations for this year's race. Public officials, law enforcement agencies and medical workers acted seamlessly in their reaction to the attack, securing the scene and helping victims, while the city's residents supported each other in the long aftermath, Patrick said. **REUTERS** / GETTY IMAGES

Beyond university

Ohio mumps outbreak up to 56 cases

Some 56 cases of mumps have been reported in Ohio in an outbreak that started at Ohio State University in Columbus but has spread to people without ties to the school — a "disturbing development," say public

health officials.

Forty of those infected are Ohio State students, staff members or people with close ties to the school's campus, but the most recent cases have no connection to the university, said Jose Rodriguez, a spokesman for the Columbus health department.

Rodriguez said the majority of those infected had received at least one

round of the vaccinations for measles, mumps and rubella and it will be difficult to pinpoint where the outbreak began.

"It is an easy disease to give and get, much like the flu or cold, and it spreads in highly populated areas," Rodriguez said.

Franklin County, which includes Columbus, typically sees one reported

mumps case per year, Rodriguez said.

Mumps is a contagious disease that causes painful swelling of the salivary glands. The number of cases reported annually in the United States has dropped 98 percent since the mumps vaccine was introduced in the 1960s, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **REUTERS**

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Set-top. Report: Apple talks with Comcast for streaming-TV service

Apple Inc. is in talks with Comcast Corp. to enter into a deal for a streaming-television service that would allow Apple set-top boxes to bypass congestion on the web, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

The discussions are in early stages and there are a lot of hurdles to be crossed before a definitive agreement could be reached, the Journal said.

Apple, which wants



Comcast Corp. / GETTY IMAGES

its TV service's traffic to be separated from public Internet traffic over the "last mile" for faster transmission, is looking for special treatment from Comcast's cables to bypass congestion, the

TV box

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Apple's \$99 TV box competes with similar streaming devices from Roku and Google Inc.

report said.

Apple has been in talks for a faster TV set-top box with Time Warner Cable Inc., which recently agreed to be bought by Comcast.

REUTERS

Allegations

China demands explanation on spying report

China wants a clear explanation from Washington over a report that the U.S. National Security Agency infiltrated servers at the headquarters of telecom

giant Huawei Technologies Co., a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said.

Hong Lei, the spokesman, said China was "extremely concerned" about the spying allegations.

"Recently, the international media has put out a lot of reports about the eavesdropping, surveillance

and stealing of secrets by the United States of other countries, including China," he told a regular briefing.

"China has already lodged many complaints with the United States about this. We demand that the United States makes a clear explanation and stop such acts." REUTERS

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Slain girlfriend's text message to Pistorius: 'I'm scared of you'

Trail. Prosecutors are seeking to prove Pistorius tried to kill Steenkamp deliberately.

Oscar Pistorius' girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, said she was scared of the South African track star in a text message sent less than three weeks before he shot her dead, a police expert said at Pistorius' murder trial on Monday.

He has pleaded not guilty to murder, saying he was deeply in love with Steenkamp and that he mistook her for an intruder hiding in a toilet at his luxury Pretoria home.

However, text messages between the pair in the weeks leading up to the

shooting painted a picture of a volatile, stormy relationship, with Steenkamp accusing Pistorius of continual jealousy and outbursts of anger.

As police expert Francois Moller read out the messages to the court, Pistorius sat in the dock, his head buried in his hands.

"We are living in a double standard relationship. Every five seconds I hear about how you dated another chick. You really have dated a lot of people yet you get upset if I mention one funny story with a long-term boyfriend," the Steenkamp message continued.

"You make me happy 90% of the time and I think we are amazing together but I am not some other bitch you may know trying to kill your vibe." **REUTERS**



A mourner at the funeral for Steenkamp / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I'm scared of you sometimes and how you snap at me and of how you will react to me."

Steenkamp
In a text message she sent to Pistorius on Jan. 27, 2013



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We all know living in the city is expensive. So how do people do it? Our series, Second Shift, features people working more than one job to make ends meet, and still have fun. This week, meet Yana, who works in finance but whose real passion is her travel business.

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It sounds like you would rather focus on your travel business than your finance job.

I would, but it's so unstable and I can't survive on it. I need to pay my bills. I'm hoping one day my travel business will take off and then it can be my main focus.



Yana Kemelman used her passion for traveling to start a side business helping others plan their trips. / PROVIDED

The stats

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Your tricky tipping questions answered

Etiquette. Lizzie Post offers advice on how much you should be tipping.

Navigating the world of tipping can be anxiety-inducing. Even restaurants, which seem straightforward enough, can be confusing: For example, should you tip for bad service?

Luckily, Lizzie Post, great-great-granddaughter of Emily Post and co-author of "Emily Post's Etiquette, 18th Edition," gave us the lowdown on when and how much to tip.

- **Delivery people:** The rule of thumb here is to tip all delivery people between 10 and 15 percent of the bill — and that includes grocery deliveries, as well.
- **Counter service:** There's



Tip your bartender \$1 to \$2 per drink or 15 to 20 percent of the tab. / COLOURBOX

no need to tip for counter service, even if the server brings dishes to your table.

- **Sit-down restaurants:** Tip your waiter between 15 and 20 percent, pre-tax. Certainly don't give a tip in advance. But even if your service is terrible, you can't skimp on the tip. "Leave

The tipping point

When not to tip

Post says you don't need to tip if it's not the kind of establishment that generally accepts tips. For example, visiting your dry cleaner or getting your eyeglasses bent back into shape are instances that do not require tips. A free bang trim, however, deserves a tip, since you would normally tip a hairstylist for a cut.

the minimum 15 percent tip," says Post. "And then tell the manager it was really atrocious service."



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De-clutter. If your productivity is suffering, it's time to clean up

Do you have a messy desk? Are you missing items or documents that are lost in the stacks of paper accumulating on your desk? Your roommate isn't the only one suffering — having a disorganized office space can make you lose interest and put less effort in your work. Creating a comfortable and functional workspace will not only keep you well-organized — it also can help you get more done.

De-clutter

You will likely find that you have old items or things that you don't even remember you had. Items that you may not use on a daily basis may be stored in drawers or cupboards to help de-clutter your desk.

Get rid of whatever you no longer actually use or need because those things are only taking up space. As a student, that is not something you have.

Avoid having duplicates of anything or copies of something that could more conveniently be stored on your computer.

A cool trick is to snap a quick picture of your office space to better identify clutter areas and redesign from there.

Set a routine

Having a daily routine can help you get tasks out of the way before they accumulate each morning. This lets you get to work on other things — meaning you won't have multiple projects on the go at once.

Establish a morning



Clutter can be a huge distraction, so clean up your act.

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routine that includes answering emails and calls and making your to-do list.

Once this is taken care of and out of the way, you'll be better prepared and more productive, because you'll have fewer interruptions.

Personalize

Invest in some decor to bring a little character to what is often a tight space. As a student, you're often living in a cramped area under a lot of pressure. Looking at photos of family or loved ones can help keep you motivated in the late night study sessions, or when that research paper just isn't coming through.

Don't have any pictures handy? A great and simple idea is to hang your favorite inspirational quote on the wall. **SHAHEERAH KAYANI**

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Less is rarely more when it comes to getting organized.

There's a whole world of storage units and items (big and small) out there. Grab a measuring tape and start searching!

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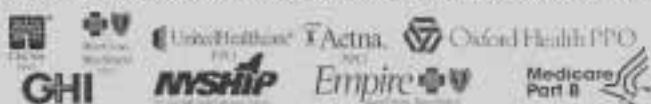
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RIP: Oderus Urungus

The satirical extraterrestrial band world lost one of its key members on Sunday when David Brockie (stage name Oderus Urungus), frontman for Gwar, was found dead in his Richmond home. Brockie co-founded Gwar — aka: "Earth's only openly extraterrestrial rock band" — in the 1980s with fellow art students at Virginia Commonwealth University. They were nominated for a Grammy in 1993 and 1995.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Kunis and Kutcher expecting a baby

Mila Kunis has a heck of an engagement present for her new fiancé, Ashton Kutcher: She's pregnant. A source confirmed to E! Online that Kunis and Kutcher are expecting a baby.

"This is something they both wanted," an insider told Us Weekly. "They are both so happy."

In case you were worried that the child might be born to an inflexible mother, worry no more — Kunis has recently been spotted attending prenatal yoga classes.



Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis were caught on the "Kiss Cam" at the Los Angeles Clippers basketball game on Saturday night.

This has been a big year so far for the former sitcom co-stars. News of their engagement broke in February, when Kunis

was spotted shopping sporting a large diamond ring on the big deal finger. Though they've known each other since

1998, when both were cast on "That '70s Show," Kunis and Kutcher only began dating in 2012.

MELINDA TAUB

Is Cyrus depressed?

Sure, she frolics with little people, dances around with a pot leaf on her crotch, and has Billy Ray Cyrus as a father, but deep down, could it be that the infamous tweak monster Miley Cyrus is a little bit lonely?

"She's living alone in this big empty house, no boyfriend to speak of, and when it comes to friends she doesn't have any real, meaningful connections. She's surrounded by party people or friends of convenience,"

a source tells Radar Online. "Being alone has always been a fear of Miley's, and she tried to pretend after the split with Liam [Hemsworth] that she enjoyed her newfound freedom, but the fact of the matter is that she's painfully lonely. Being on tour helps a bit right now. ... But the tour ends in June. Then what?"

Oh, I don't know. She'll go on being super famous, hot, young and rich? That should help — right?

Wait. Maybe money, pot and twerking with little people can't buy you happiness?

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Carrie Underwood is an unsatisfied customer, Chloe Grace Moretz might be lonely and Mindy Kaling is feeling slighted.

@carrieunderwood: Yeah... um...this is so weird. I, like, NEVER send anything back to the kitchen, but this coffee tastes like iPhone.

@ChloeGMoretz: You know you stay up too late when everyone you know is asleep..

@mindykaling: I am taking it so personally ethnically that my whole foods no longer makes Indian food for the hot bar.

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Jane Green: Chick lit has changed a lot in 18 years

Books. The days of glitzy, over-the-top tales are over.

Back in 1997, when Jane Green released her first novel, "Straight Talking," there was no such thing as chick lit. Green, along with a few other authors at the time, are among the founders of what went on to become a billion-dollar genre.

"Helen Fielding wrote 'Bridget Jones's Diary,' and 'Straight Talking' came out three or four months later, and there were a couple other books in England that came out around the same time," Green tells us. "A newspaper ran a double-spread article about us and said we had created this new genre, 'chick lit.' And that's really how it

started."

Green has made a career of writing commercial women's fiction and is releasing her 15th book, "Tempting Fate," on Tuesday. According to her, writing for women now is very different than it was 18 years ago. "When I first started writing, [chick lit] was aspirational. You had these huge, sexy, glitzy sagas about women who conquered the world. They weren't very real, but they were huge fun. I think what we did was introduce a genre that really held a mirror to women, and held it with great honesty and humor," she says. "I don't think there was a genre of books where women were able to read and say, 'I've been there. That's exactly what my life is like.'"

Her new novel is about infidelity. It's full of so many "what if?"s and



"Tempting Fate" is Jane Green's 15th novel. / IAN WARBURG

"then what?"s that it's impossible not to devour in just a few sittings. As Green has gotten older, so have her characters. The principal character in "Tempting Fate" isn't a 20- or 30-something trying to figure out her relationship status; it's a woman in her 40s on the brink of a midlife crisis.

Green is contractually obligated to release two books a year, so even though she is just now celebrating the release of "Tempting Fate," her 16th book is already done and she's at work on the 17th.

"My next book is called 'Saving Grace' and is about an older man married to a younger woman," she reveals. "They take on an assistant who seems perfect in every way, but within a short period of time she starts systematically destroying their lives."

On the new book

Character study

"My days of writing about women in their 20s and 30s are over," Green says. "I've always drawn on my own life. ... All of a sudden in my 40s, I noticed a number of women who announced they'd been unhappy for years and, unbearably, it turned out these women were having affairs. I started to really look at female infidelity, and in particular what happens to a woman in her 40s. Why am I seeing so many women being unfaithful? What is going on?"



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Bossa is boss. These songs will transport you to warmer climes

In the intimate room at the Cafe Carlyle, it's almost possible to forget that winter is taking so long to go away.

Guitarist John Pizzarelli presents an evening of "Strictly Bossa Nova," sharing the stage with Daniel Jobim, grandson of the Brazilian music legend (and founding father of bossa nova) Antonio Carlos Jobim. Drummer Duduka Da Fonseca and pianist Helio Alves round out the Brazilian delegation, along with Pizzarelli's brother Martin on bass, who "hails from exotic Patter-son, N.J." according to his warm introduction.

Between songs, Pizzarelli tells the stories behind the music, easily invoking the tone of Brazilian nostalgia, known as "saudade," that pervades songs like "Aguas de Marco" and "Amoroso." Jobim occasionally jumps

in with his own star-studded lore, describing, shyly, the time Frank Sinatra called his grandfather at a bar to invite him to sing on what became the 1979 "Sinatra-Jobim Sessions."

After over 50 years and myriad interpretations of songs like "Garota de Ipanema" and "Agua de Beber," one would think that the gentle syncopation would get old. But the trick of timeless music is that it has the ability to transport audiences to a different time and place. It's safe to say that after shrugging off coats and peeling off hats and scarves in the end of March, there's almost no better place to transport oneself to than a Brazilian beach.

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Christian Slater plays the father of a sex addict in Lars Von Trier's "Nymphomaniac." / GETTY IMAGES

Not doin' it

No, Christian Slater wasn't reluctant to do Lars Von Trier's new sex movie, "Nymphomaniac." "My fiancée was concerned," he says. "She's never dated an actor before, so hearing about the project raised some red flags for her."

Then again, Slater was one of the few in the cast who didn't have to do the naughty stuff. He plays the father of the lead character, Joe (Charlotte Gainsbourg as an adult and Stacy Martin as a teen/young adult), a sex addict who relates her conquests to a stranger (Stellan Skarsgård).

Although Slater knew he'd be keeping his clothes on (save some hospital gown malfunctions),

he still had reason to be scared. Von Trier has a reputation as an intimidating monster — one he personally cultivated and fed to a hungry press. But despite Bjork vowing never to act again after "Dancer in the Dark," most actors have nothing but kind words for him. And Slater turned out to be no different.

"I found him to be very gentle and wonderful," he says. "The scenes that I had to do were very gentle scenes. We shot some of it in his backyard. We used the area of forest he used to play in when he was a kid. I think he felt very sentimental about it."

Slater has been getting good reviews for the film — not that he could

Cut off

Rumors

Slater shot his footage over four months, coming in and out of a production that was much more wild when he wasn't there. "I would hear about these stories about what they shot, the sexuality, the prosthetic that Shia [LaBeouf] had to wear — these crazy, insane stories," he recalls. "By the end they couldn't have cared less; they got desensitized. But me, I would just shoot these sweet scenes with this 12-year-old girl."

Interview.

Christian Slater is one of the few in "Nymphomaniac" with no sex scenes.

always foresee this on the shoot.

"Quite honestly, I didn't always know what we were doing," he says. "[Von Trier] gave me no clear-cut direction how to communicate any of this stuff. I was making it up as I went along. He allowed improv moments. I think the thing he was most concerned about was slowing down — taking my time and not rushing through it."

The whole experience was a kind of rebirth. "It was very unusual," he says. "I kind of had to re-train myself."



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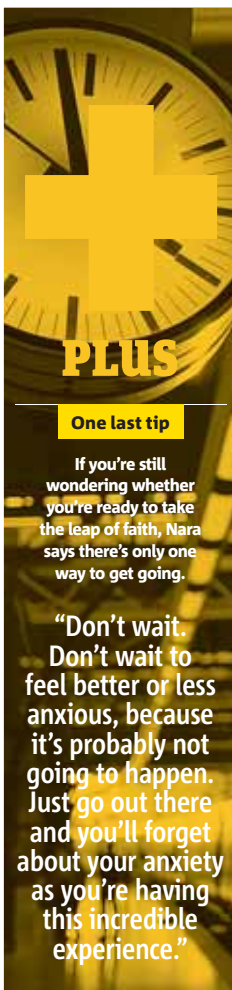
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One last tip

If you're still wondering whether you're ready to take the leap of faith, Nara says there's only one way to get going.

"Don't wait. Don't wait to feel better or less anxious, because it's probably not going to happen. Just go out there and you'll forget about your anxiety as you're having this incredible experience."

Advice for the anxious traveler



Guidebook. You can manage your fears with help from Rita Anya Nara.

The disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 can't be reassuring to wary travelers as they tip-toe aboard aircraft these days.

Rita Anya Nara knows how overwhelming the idea of travel can be for someone with anxiety. Even though she's now been to 38 countries on all seven continents, the author of "The Anxious Traveler" still feels uneasy picking up her passport.

"It's really that uncertainty that creates stress and anxiety, just walking into the unexpected and not knowing what to do if something goes wrong," Nara says.

And negative feelings don't always stop once the plane lands. Issues that might seem small to others can be insurmountable for the anxious traveler: not knowing the way around, language barriers, potential problems like pickpockets. Combine these with time zones upending normal sleep patterns, and an already anxious person can quickly become exhausted, which can lead to panic attacks, refusing to leave the hotel room and even canceling a trip.

In 2007, after a lifelong struggle with anxiety, Nara says a doctor suggested something different. "My doctor suggested I do something I love, which is traveling, with a person I trust."

Traveling with a companion — knowing that someone was looking out for her and could help if something went wrong — was what finally got Nara out into the world. Her favorite destination so far has been Antarctica. ("The trip of a lifetime," she says, "it was like sailing right into a moonscape.")

But the California resident didn't start that far outside of her comfort zone. Just as conquering



"The Anxious Traveler" is Rita Anya Nara's guidebook to getting out there for the anxiety-prone. For more information on the book, visit TheBraveTraveler.com. / PROVIDED

Back to reality

Returning home from a trip would seem like the time to relax, but Nara advises not letting yourself crash after landing.

- "People get angry, frustrated [and] in a rut when they feel like there are changes they want to make" inspired by their

vacation, she says.

- Nara recommends finding a way to stay in touch with what you did while away: Taking up a new hobby or cooking an ethnic food you tried can help keep that experience alive and eliminate the post-vacation blues.

anxiety is more like winning a battle than the war, Nara recommends taking smaller steps to build up to an adventure like the South Pole.

"I started out going to countries where they speak English, where crime is low — Norway, Canada," she says. "Now, I take on more challenging environments."

The key to conquering travel fears is feeling in control: Make a plan, know the lay of the land and take care of yourself. Once at your destination, make

confronting your anxiety a daily ritual.

"I'll stay in my hotel room longer in the morning to get my bearings and understand what I'm going to do," she says. If stress strikes during the day, "I'll sit at a cafe and have a glass of tea. Just turning my mind off a bit and gazing at what's going on in front of me helps me see things in real time and manage things one at a time."

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British-born Zanna Roberts Rassi has taken the fashion industry by storm since moving to New York in 2006. Her job titles include Marie Claire senior

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The fashion editor gives her tips on dressing a changing body.

DRESSING UP THE BUMP

fashion editor, E! News and "Today" show fashion correspondent, judge on "Under the Gunn," — and she's eight months pregnant with twins. Rassi set herself a daily style challenge, one that we've been following on Instagram ever since she revealed her first look, a cerise Lisa Perry dress, with the hashtag #stylethebump. We discuss.

Maternity wear and fashion — not two things usually found together. So how is your #stylethebump



Zanna Roberts Rassi's go-to maternity wear trick: layer black leggings under a dress to add a little edge. To read the full interview and see her stylish mom-to-be wardrobe in action, head to ModMods.com.

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Making an effort

What's been your biggest challenge?

When you have fun dressing it motivates you, so I've embraced it. I decided I'm not going to wear sweats and I'm going to go for it. I've really had fun with it. But the hardest styling challenge has to be

the maternity bras. They're so uncomfortable. And not pretty. I've found that Gap Body and Victoria Secret's non-underwired are the best.

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challenge going?

For me, most of the maternity wear I've found has featured bows and polka dots. You end up looking like a giant baby! My personal style is much more tomboy and minimal. Just because you're pregnant doesn't mean you have to change your style. Menswear has been great for me. I've robbed lots from my husband's closet.

Are you wearing anything that you wouldn't normally go for?

I'm definitely wearing more dresses. They're easier, so I'm embracing it. I got a pair of J Brand black leather leggings, which I layer with everything. They're my staple. I bought them in a size or two up. They add a tougher edge to any dresses I choose to wear because I'm not really a typical girly girl. For me, dressing a changing body is difficult and I've learned a lot through the process. For years I've been telling people how to dress but I've never had to dress a changing body myself, so it's been a great experience.

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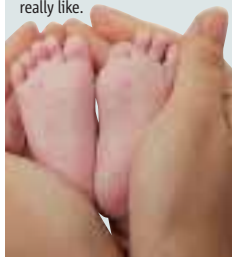
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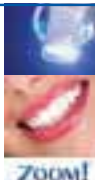
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Let me backtrack: It's not like he's splashing around in the stuff. But he does like to explore things while we stroll down the sidewalk — things that I know, deep down, Brooklyn dogs spray on an hourly basis. The corner mailbox is a lot of fun to bang on. Touching the lamppost? Hilarious. The tree, which is practically the Grand Central station of dog toilets? A must.

Having only been on this planet for 20 months, it's as if his guiding life force is, "If it's there, I must touch it." Which is incredibly similar to the mantra of a male dog: "If it's there, I must pee on it."

So if I know it's revolting, why do I allow it? Because even though I want to dip my son in a vat of

sanitizing gel when we get home, it's important that he not be afraid of things. If I rip his hand away from exploring just because of a few (albeit very filthy and gross) germs, what message does that send? He should know the feel of a cool fence post, of tree bark, of the side of a building. He should know our wonderful world is worth exploring, even if parts of it are covered in excrement.

The other day, a friend and fellow Brooklyn mom posted a photo of her deliriously happy toddler playing in a pile of leaves with this caption: "Trying not to think just how much dog pee he is sitting in right now." I laughed, but also shuddered. Even I, who lets my son touch urine-coated surfaces, has yet to set Sam in a pile of leaves. Look: I have a dog. I know the nasty stuff that goes down in piles of leaves. We all have our limits.



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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Consider the consequences before rushing into a situation. Make sure to take a long look at any proposition that comes your way.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Don't sell yourself short. Be proud of all you have experienced and accomplished. Expanding your social circle will provide you with new associations.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Act quickly if an opportunity arises. The offer may be revoked if you are too slow to accept, and you could lose a chance to advance.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Get involved with those who have similar ambitions. Extra help never hurts. A team effort will be beneficial.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. While your professional profile may be strong, a personal relationship may weaken. Allot some time to take care of connections you deem important.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Maximize the positive energy that currently surrounds you. It's likely that your current colleagues will play a key role.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. It's fine to follow your dreams, but be honest. Don't make any false promises if you want to continue to get the necessary help.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Romance is highlighted. Take a chance and get involved in a project that interests you. A sudden change of plans will take you by surprise.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Refuse to be bullied into something that you don't agree with. Be flexible, and try to arrange a compromise.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Keep abreast of what's going on. Focus on collaborating. Consider the past before renewing contact with an old friend.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. You shouldn't assume that everyone is as honest as you are. Do your homework before accepting a tempting offer.
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Letters

To date is to Facebook

Re: 'Infographic: Which online dating site is right for you? Check our flow chart to find out' (Metro.us) I found your flow chart helpful. But what your readers need now is a flow chart showing how they can participate in online dating but avoid giving away the privacy of their Facebook account. I value my Facebook account highly and am not willing to lose control of it for the sake of being on some dating site. A requirement of many of the sites mentioned in your flow chart is that we are permitted to participate only if we give them our Facebook account.

GLENN CATLIN, VIA EMAIL

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RE: "US contraception case, a question of corporate rights" (Metro, March 20) Blessings upon Hobby Lobby for sticking to their guns about birth control. So why is every last stick of merchandise in all their stores stamped "Made in China?" They're smart people. How do they reconcile their anti-birth-control stance with their economic support of the world's leader in government-enforced birth control?

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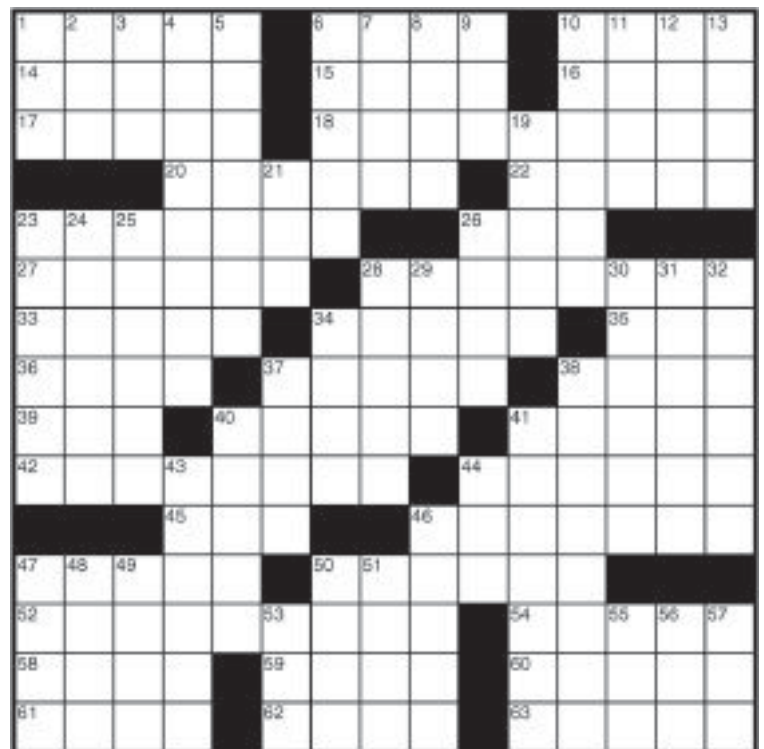
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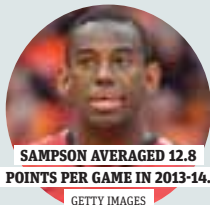
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St. John's Sampson to enter NBA Draft

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Sophomore JaKarr Sampson announced he will enter the 2014 NBA Draft. He won Big East Rookie of the Year honors in 2013. "I know I can impress upon GMs and coaches that I am ready to be a contributor to an NBA team," Sampson said.

He is projected as a second-round pick.

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Report: Eagles look into signing Sanchez

NFL. ESPN reported the Birds were about to sign the former Jet, but it may be a few days before we know.

Mark Sanchez is no longer the Jets' problem. But he may not be moving more than a few exits down I-95.

ESPN's Chris Mortensen reported Monday afternoon the Eagles were nearing an agreement with the former Jets quarterback, who was released on Friday, pending a physical. Later reports indicated Sanchez would be meeting with Philadelphia, but was not ready to sign a deal yet.

The move would in essence be a swap between backup quarterbacks, as



Sanchez had shoulder surgery last fall and will need to pass a physical with any team. / GETTY IMAGES

Bonus picks

The NFL released compensatory draft picks on Monday based on free agency.

- The Giants received a fifth-round pick (No. 174

overall).

- The Jets received a fourth-rounder (No. 137) and three sixth-rounders (Nos. 209, 210, 213).

the Jets signed former Eagles quarterback Michael Vick to a one-year, \$5 million deal on Friday. Nick Foles is the starter in Philadelphia.



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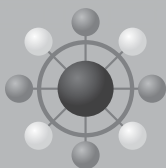
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MLB. Matsuzaka impressive in stating case for rotation spot

Daisuke Matsuzaka continued to make his case for the No. 5 spot in the Mets' rotation with one of his best starts of spring on Monday.

The 33-year-old former Red Sox star came into spring training with question marks after finishing the 2013 season with an uninspiring 4.42 ERA in seven starts for New York. But he's been solid, if not spectacular, in five starts this spring.

He pitched six innings, allowed one run and struck out five in a 5-3 win against the Cardinals. Matsuzaka's problem has always been walks and he did have three Monday after just one in his four previous games. He lowered his spring ERA to 3.86 with 17 strikeouts in 18 2/3 innings. He will likely get one more start before the season opens on March 31.

Jon Niese, Dillon

Gee, Zack Wheeler and Bartolo Colon are locked into the top four spots in the rotation, meaning Matsuzaka, Jenrry Mejia and veteran John Lannan are likely competing for the final spot. The decision will be made on Tuesday. **MARK OSBORNE**



MATSUZAKA IS IN A NECK-AND-NECK RACE WITH JENRRY MEJIA FOR THE FIFTH SPOT.

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Finally honored

Johnson wins Player of the Week honor

Nets guard Joe Johnson took Eastern Conference Player of the Week honors Monday, the first Nets players to do so since Devin Harris in March 2009. Johnson averaged 22 points per game in four wins last week.

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Bust moves on

Ducasse signs with Vikings

Vladimir Ducasse, the source of much derision from Jets fans, signed with the Vikings on a one-year deal Monday.

The 26-year-old offensive lineman was a second-round pick in 2010 out of UMass, but never lived up to the praise heaped on him by the coaching staff. He lost the starting guard spot to Brian Winters last year. **METRO**

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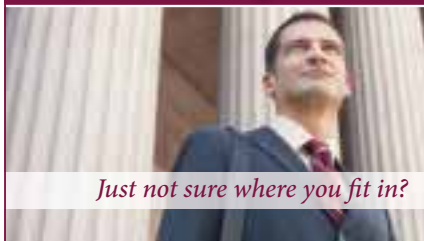
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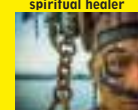
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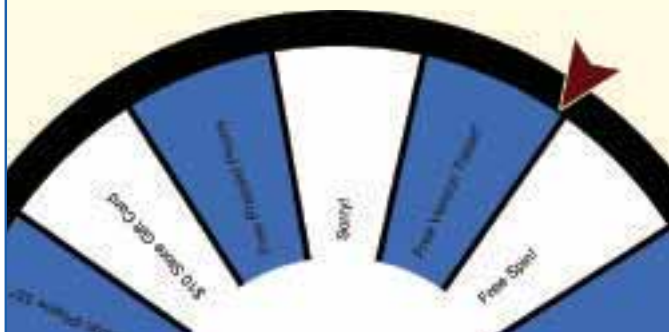
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